

APRIL 1, 1816.

Read twice, and committed to the committee of the whole House,
on the bill for the relief of David Gelston and Peter A. Schenck.

A Bill

*For the relief of certain owners of goods, entered at Hampden, in the
District of Maine.*

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the*
2 *United States of America, in Congress assembled, That on the*
3 trial of any information, libel, or other suit for the forfeiture or
4 condemnation of goods, and merchandise, which between the
5 twenty-fifth day of October, and the thirty-first day of Decem-
6 ber, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, were
7 entered at Hampden, in the District of Maine, and have been
8 since seized as imported or entered contrary contrary to law,
9 all claims to forfeiture and condemnation be, and hereby are
10 released, arising from want of lawful authority to enter and de-
11 liver said goods at Hampden, or from the illegality of importing
12 the said goods into Orrington, or depositing them there, or
13 from the illegality of trading between Orrington and Hampden,
14 in a neutral vessel, not licensed for the coasting trade.